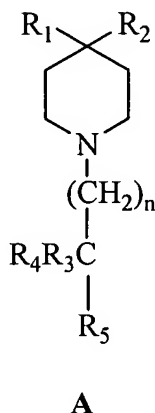


In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound represented by A:



wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R₁ represents optionally substituted six-membered aromatic ring containing no heteroatoms [[carbocyclic aryl]];

R₂ represents [[RO-alkyl]] RO-CH₂, [[(R)₂N-alkyl,]] RS-alkyl, [[(R)₂N-cycloalkyl,]] or RS-cycloalkyl;

R₃ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₄ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₅ represents substituted phenyl group, wherein each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl and alkoxy;

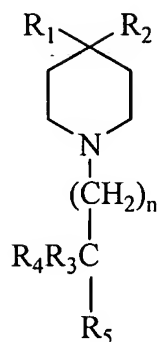
[[R₃ and R₄ may be connected through a covalent bond;]]

n is 0, or 1 [[, or 2]]; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by A is R, S, or a mixture of these configurations.

Claims 2-91 (canceled)

92. (currently amended) A compound represented by A:



A

wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R₁ represents optionally substituted phenyl;

R₂ represents [[RO-alkyl]] RO-CH₂, [[(R)₂N-alkyl,]] RS-alkyl, [[(R)₂N-cycloalkyl,]] or RS-cycloalkyl;

R₃ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₄ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₅ represents an optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl group, wherein each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl and alkoxy;

[[R₃ and R₄ may be connected through a covalent bond;]]

n is 0, or 1 [[, or 2]]; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by **A** is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

93. **(new)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R₂ represents RO-CH₂; and R is H.
94. **(new)** The compound of claim 92, wherein R₂ represents RO-CH₂; and R is H.
95. **(new)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R₅ represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.
96. **(new)** The compound of claim 92, wherein R₅ represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.

97. **(new)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R_2 represents $RO-CH_2$; R is H; and R_5 represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.
98. **(new)** The compound of claim 92, wherein R_2 represents $RO-CH_2$; R is H; and R_5 represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.
99. **(new)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R_2 represents $RO-CH_2$; R is H; and R_5 represents 3-fluorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl or 4-methoxyphenyl.
100. **(new)** The compound of claim 92, wherein R_2 represents $RO-CH_2$; R is H; and R_5 represents 3-fluorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl or 4-methoxyphenyl.